

Commissioners in action

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JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

• Resolution supporting the Lake County Department of Job and Family Services' Work Participation Corrective Compliance Plan and certifying the county commissioners' commitment to correcting Lake County's non-compliance with 45 CFR 261.21 and 261.23 in federal fiscal year (FFY) 2012.

(See story "LCJFS moves toward federal compliance.")

• Resolution authorizing execution of the revised Lake County Prevention, Retention, and Contingency Plan, effective Dec. 1 through Sept. 30, 2013 and certifying compliance with Chapter 5108 of the Ohio Revised Code in adopting the revised plan.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

• Resolution supporting the application by the city of Painesville to the state of Ohio, Department of Development, for assistance under the Ohio Job Ready Sites Program.

The city of Painesville is applying for \$3 million to build a bridge to Diamond Centre Drive from the end of Shamrock Drive off Jackson Street, over the CSX Railroad tracks to connect with the end of Brookstone Boulevard.

• Resolution establishing the monthly premiums for medical and dental insurance coverage for sub-government entities participating in the county employee health plans, effective Jan. 1, 2012 through Dec. 31, 2012.

• Resolution declaring a certain homebuilder in default pursuant to Lake County's erosion and sediment control regulations and requests the Lake County prosecuting attorney to initiate enforcement proceedings.

"Every September, October, November (Lake County Soil and Water Conservation District) is making sure everyone (contractor) has their sites in compliance before winter," said Dan Donaldson, district administrator for LCSWCD. "It's critically important to get these sites stabilized for the winter."

After starting with a long list, only contractor is not in compliance and being referred to the Lake County Prosecutor.

Chad Edgar, an urban stream specialist, said the contractor was asked to seed the lawn. It is particularly important in this case because the lot has a slope which goes to the road and a catch basin.

• Resolution authorizing execution of a community housing development organization agreement between

the Lake County Board of Commissioners and Western Reserve Community Development Corporation.

According to Jason Boyd, federal grants administrator, this is providing \$160,000 to build a new home near Asper Commons.

Commissioner Bob Aufuldish noted previously the county provided funds for purchase of rundown properties to be renovated.

• Resolution authorizing execution of an agreement between the Lake County Board of Commissioners and Cuyahoga County for the FY10 State Homeland Security - Law Enforcement Grant Program, effective through Feb. 28, 2013.

The counties have been awarded \$80,000 so they can acquire mobile data terminals (MDT). In Lake County, the MDTs will be for the Sheriff's Office. There are no matching funds required.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

• Resolution approving payment of bills as listed on the commissioners' approval journal.

• Resolution approving purchase orders as listed on the commissioners' purchase order approval journal.

• Resolution increasing and decreasing appropriations for various general and non general fund accounts.

• Resolution transferring cash and appropriations within various general and non general fund accounts.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

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• "We were one of only two workforce areas in the state of Ohio that exceeded all the (nine) federal statutory requirements," said Bob Dawson, income maintenance administrator for LCJFS. "Last year we led the state with eight of nine."

He thanked everyone involved with the program, especially local employers.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Board President Ray Sines made the proclamation recognizing Nov. 12 to 20 as National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week in Lake County and Nov. 19 as Lake County Homeless Awareness Day. The proclamation also recognized that "Project Hope for the Homeless, Lake County's only homeless shelter, and other Lake County organizations are committed to sheltering, providing supportive services as well as meals and food supplies to the homeless..."

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The commissioners adjourned to executive session to discuss two issues of imminent litigation.

Aufuldish to run for re-election

LAKE COUNTY - Commissioner Robert E. Aufuldish filed his petitions Nov. 14 for re-election.

He said he has deep respect for the county workers, who despite not having raises for over four years, have continued to serve the residents of Lake County with diligence and competence.

He stated that many in the workforce have taken furlough days so that their fellow workers can retain their job.

Aufuldish has been an active participant in NOACA and has helped steer many road projects to Lake County. State Route 2 is undergoing major reconstruction and rehabilitation at a cost of over \$60 million. Other projects that have taken place are: Auburn Road in Concord, \$1.6 million and Lake Road in Madison, \$1.5 million.

As chairman of the Air Quality Committee at NOACA since 2005, Aufuldish points out that Northeast Ohio is finally under compliance with the federal guidelines for air quality. This not only leads to a healthier climate but also helps attract business.

And finally, Aufuldish states that despite these very difficult financial times and the hardships imposed on Lake County and its employees the commissioners received the highest rating following an annual audit of financial conditions from Ohio State Auditor Dave Yost.